

Those present:

Louis Linkel

Robert Brack

Thomas Wilson

Franklin County Auditor: Carol L. Monroe

Louis Linkel opens meeting with the Pledge of allegiance

Louis Linkel opens Drainage/Ditch Board Meeting

- I. Obstruction in current drainage system near Maple Grove Cemetery and vicinity of St. Mary's Road
 - a. Joe Gillespie – Sam Schuck came to me and told me there was a problem with cemetery. My file goes back to 3/25/94 and at that time Frank Downward had buried wife in western part of cemetery and it would flood over her grave. Ultimately, they relocated his wife but didn't really correct the problem. We have had substantial development to the west. Existing 8-inch tile in there and in some places it has broken down. It is working but not as efficiently as it could. There are things that could be done to improve but with the development and the proposed development don't feel the 8 inch can carry it. There are ways to correct it
 - i. A legal drain (like Bruns Harvey)
 1. puts everything under county drainage board
 2. takes control out of property owners
 - ii. a storm sewer could be built
 1. up to the town of Brookville
 - iii. The only way for us to look at this is through a legal drain.
 1. Each property owner would be assessed and billed.
 - b. Joe Gillespie – this 8 inch was just put in when this was agriculture and now the run off is faster. The 8 inch is not made to carry this load.
 - c. Louis Linkel – what is the town (of Brookville) doing?
 - d. Sam Schuck – Town has not talked about this-wants estimates
 - e. Joe Gillespie – if they would all have a surface water inlet they would all need a smooth double walled corrugated 15 inch pipe. To remove water within a 24 hour period proposed – crossing in front of Fergonhoffs house across the highway extending from maple grove about 1300 feet and would stop and do 600 feet of 12 inch to Burkhardt's. The last time we buried it cost \$12.00 per foot(for 15 inch) and \$8.00 per foot (for 12 inch. Proposed eight locations with surface inlets – between \$25,000.00 and \$30,000.00
 - f. Louis Linkel – how many property owners would be involved?
 - g. Joe Gillespie – 11 property owners
 - h. Ken Litteken - You assess based upon benefits and I have one square inch in this
 - i. Joe Gillespie – first we assess and determine how much you have benefit. Everyone benefit (in this case) would be based on their use. That would all have to be weighed out. This is a private cemetery and they would have an assessment. Not only does a substantial problem but so does Butch (a.k.a. Virgil Nobbe) and it has backed up onto the body shop. It looked like the worst problem is in butch (Virgil Nobbe construction)
 - j. Sam Schuck – how does this work with the Town/County?
 - k. Joe Gillespie – the County may have a small responsibility from what runs off of the county road. The Town would only have a response for what the streets runs off. If we go through the drainage procedure the government entities won't have much.
 - l. John Estridge – what about the ditch on St. Marys?
 - m. Joe Gillespie – Donny tells me the have drainage that takes most of the drainage from Lohrey subdivision
 - n. John Estridge – the last time this was brought up is the counties ditch was contributing
 - o. Joe Gillespie – it is only carrying the water. This meeting is to just get everybody's feelings and thoughts
 - p. Ken Litteken – let's say we say ok-before we say proceed will there be another meeting after we know all of the details.
 - q. Joe Gillespie – we won't ambush you
 - r. Robert Brack – we are not going to spend your money for you
 - s. Louis Linkel – we want to know your feelings
 - t. Sam Schuck – this is something the town just inheriting it. There is a possibility of a grant from the city of Lawrenceburg. If we stress this is used for jobs over there and future jobs, can't say for sure, but maybe.
 - u. Robert Brack – have told Sam (Schuck) we need to get it to Lawrenceburg and willing to go. We have a good chance (for storm sewer).
 - v. Joe Gillespie – what you really need is a storm sewer. It is a storm drain. When you start adding hard surface (roof and parking lots) it is 100% run - off.
 - w. Terry Summey – we are not talking a large sum of money?
 - x. Joe Gillespie – it can't be much more than double. Just depends on the funds available.
 - y. Robert Brack – how are we going to get through some (places) in there?
 - z. Joe Gillespie – it is tight, you only have 12 feet in some places. There is a swale in there; it is just not very wide. It is doable.
 - aa. Sam Schuck – it would be great to do a storm sewer go down St. Mary's.
 - bb. Joe Gillespie – how would we begin this grant process
 - cc. Robert Brack – would have two projects and make it very clear it is being developed.
 - dd. Joe Gillespie - does our grant writer do this
 - ee. Robert Brack – yes, but we have to sell it and get it in here within the next two weeks.
 - ff. Louis Linkel – we have got to get this taken care of.
 - gg. Susan Jones – would the first thing be a planning grant?

- hh. Joe Gillespie – absolutely
- ii. Robert Brack – Julie will be here later today and we can ask her. Would rather see a storm sewer and let's try and get a grant
- jj. Joe Gillespie – a legal drain never goes away.
- kk. Tim Lohrey – feels storm sewer would benefit everyone.
- ll. Kenneth Rosenberger – would storm sewer catch water off of hill side
- mm. Joe Gillespie – a storm sewer would take anything that is piped to it.
- nn. Kenneth Rosenberger – Yvonne (Wells) owns behind the business, how will that drain?
- oo. Joe Gillespie – her water will run off the hill as it does now and they will pipe it out.
- pp. Kenneth Rosenberger – will they be responsible to pipe it.
- qq. Joe Gillespie – believes so, the town will provide an outlet
- rr. Terry Summey – if you put a storm sewer in how far would it go?
- ss. Joe Gillespie – if the town did it they would like to stop at the last property.
- tt. Kenneth Rosenberger – checked it a couple weeks ago and you can see where the wall is caved in over the pipe but it is still running. What it needs is a catch basin near the road instead of running all over the surface.
- uu. Terry Summey – and that wasn't even a big rain.
- vv. Kenneth Rosenberger – 90% of the time it will cover it.
- ww. Joe Gillespie – if that is the consensus will get with Sam and get started.
- xx. Terry Summey – needs clarification
- yy. Robert Brack – would figure up a price for both
- zz. Joe Gillespie – both really isn't necessary. It is up to the property owners and we don't have any authority right now to tell property owner to fix this tile.
- aaa. Sam Schuck – town has a meeting on Tuesday
- bbb. Thomas Wilson – do we know where it is broke down
- ccc. Joe Gillespie – right behind the head wall. There is still just a lot of water the 8 inch tile won't carry.
- ddd. Terry Summey – everyone wants a cheap easy fix. The tile doesn't even fix Butch's problem.
- eee. Ken Litteken – would the cemetery consider in good faith to pay/help to contribute to this drainage problem
- fff. Joe Gillespie – if this is solved by legal drain, would the cemetery be able to pay?
- ggg. Rob Hofer – it depends on the cost
- hhh. Terry Summey – the problem has gone on and let's bight the bullet and go. The water comes off of the hill. If we don't fix it the right way and we will come back in five years.
- iii. Mr. Don Lohrey – the hill didn't create the problem.
- jjj. Terry Summey – there is not roofs or parking lots right now and the water is a problem.
- kkk. Robert Brack – let's get together
- lll. Terry Summey – will pay my part, but blowing money on replacing or fixing tile, don't feel that is a fix.
- mmm. Virgil Nobbe – I'll pay the part putting it in and drain it to the street. We need to take care of it and not point fingers.
- nnn. Sam Schuck – as far as the storm sewer there will not be an assessment.
- ooo. Louis Linkel – can you do matching
- ppp. Sam Schuck – don't know?
- qqq. Terry Summey – if all of the land owners paid x to tack on, would there be an offset?
- rrr. Sam Schuck – don't know but will check into it.
- sss. Tim Lohrey – don't feel will get enough money to offset.
- ttt. Mr. Don Lohrey – on March 12 there was about 30 graves under water. Flip tape
- uuu. Joe Gillespie – next meeting April 24th at 1:00 for a full update.

II. Drainage Plan for the Brookville Lake Senior Housing Project

- a. Joe Gillespie – couple of months of go 5 acre track was purchased and a variance was acquired for this assist living from zoning board. Wrote them a letter and they came back with this plan (in accordance to criteria) having to build two detention ponds and a detention trench (800 feet long). We know there is a problem along 101 and this is acceptable to not make that any worse. I telling you I think this is acceptable. What is going on at the state highway is over excavating and the pipe is too high for the ditch-this is not going to solve that problem
- b. Louis Linkel motions to accept
- c. Thomas Wilson seconds the motion
- d. Robert Brack – all in favor
- e. Thomas Wilson – likes the way they are making sure there property won't flood.

III. Public Hearing – Bruns/Harvey Ditch – Reconstruction Plan Review

- a. Joe Gillespie – we have been doing some work and we have got a total 261.7999a-explains breakdown – see attached
- b. Gerald Bruns – why weren't we told this before
- c. Robert Brack – do we have a problem?
- d. Gerald Bruns – refers to papers he received that are different stating there are 466 a going to that drain and another that is 288.
- e. Joe Gillespie – we establish a legal drain before any money is spent. We knew there was problem. In Indiana water is looked at as a common enemy
- f. Robert Brack – you can't damn it up
- g. Gerald Bruns – at the meeting I thought it was going to be negotiated before any legal business was started
- h. Louis Linkel – if we have opposition, let's just drop it.
- i. Gerald Bruns – don't see why on this plan you are putting all of that a in with the big pipe
- j. Joe Gillespie – you have to look at the total drainage area
- k. Gerald Bruns – we have an outlet, and we can put in our own tile.
- l. Joe Gillespie – reads petition Gerald filed

- m. Gerald Bruns – wanted something done
- n. Joe Gillespie – the county has spent thousands of dollars to get to this point.
- o. Louis Linkel – felt it was a good project
- p. Thomas Wilson – who is going to be responsible for the money already spent
- q. Joe Gillespie – as of right now it is a regulated drain
- r. Thomas Wilson – by the property owners
- s. Robert Brack – the county is not going to foot the bill
- t. Gerald Bruns – by what %
- u. Joe Gillespie – the only numbers to use is from the gps
- v. Gerald Bruns – refers to different numbers from Joe g
- w. Joe Gillespie – that was based upon aerials and it was an estimate-you knew that. The outlet, the large tile and the other arm needs replaced.
- x. Gerald Bruns – questions why part of the area can't be left out.
- y. Joe Gillespie – because it is in the drainage area
- z. Gerald Bruns – questions why we used 5foot lines and 1foot lines on the dare ditch.
- aa. Joe Gillespie – we can use 1foot and it will just clutter up the page.
- bb. Gerald – no one said to me there was going to be a legal and binding easement
- cc. Joe Gillespie – you petitioned us to do this
- dd. Harold Wollyung – came down here to give my ok. Here to do whatever has got to be done
- ee. Thomas Wilson – we were trying to make it fair to everyone is by their benefit
- ff. Harold Wollyung – does the other arm go to where Martha Rader used to live
- gg. Joe Gillespie – none of this has been a secret. Gerald you were in my office when I did this and roger did it in the same manner.
- hh. Gerald Bruns – I wanted to do it in 97 and no one wanted to go along with it.
- ii. Robert Brack – it is done
- jj. Joe Gillespie – do a petition to vacate and go away. A lot of effort and time
- kk. Robert Brack – why did you petition us
- ll. Gerald Bruns – refers to photo from roger Williams (from soil and water conservation).
- mm. Robert Brack – apologizes to other property owners
- nn. Dale Harvey – questions what Gerald wants
- oo. Gerald Bruns – don't feel that much property should go into
- pp. Dale Maxie – the rest of us are doing the same thing. When roger did his survey was the 70 acr included
- qq. Joe Gillespie – he was going to run its own tile and it is certain it is not 70a just by looking at this. We have approached this just like every other drain. Don't have anything else to say.
- rr. Gerald Bruns – propose this be terminated.
- ss. Thomas Wilson – someone will have to pay the bill.
- tt. Gerald Bruns – thought we were going to discuss it first
- uu. Thomas Wilson – we did.
- vv. Louis Linkel - \$3,250.00
- ww. Robert Brack – motions to have a public hearing to vacate legal drain
- xx. Louis Linkel seconds the motion
- yy. Robert Brack – all in favor
- zz. Carol L. Monroe – we are going to assess this year for the bill?
- aaa. Commissioners - yes

IV. Whitewater Canoe Trail, Inc.

- a. Terry Duffy – the canal has been awarded a grant from the dept of natural resources in order to get that done the dept would like us to notify all parties that we are not doing any construction or altering any drains. Talked with Joe about this a week or so ago and he didn't feel drainage board would have a problem. Need a letter of approval. Starting at east end of Metamora along DNR field and goes into the DNR property along next two farms and up to Kolb's. It will be constructed in the farm fields. We have a primitive trail now and the grant funds will make it accessible for baby strollers, wheelchairs, etc. It runs through level ground.
- b. Louis Linkel – don't feel drainage board would have any problem with that
- c. Joe Gillespie – presents letter for commissioners to sign.
- d. Robert Brack – when will this be opened up
- e. Terry Duffy – probably be the middle to end of summer
- f. Robert Brack – is part open now
- g. Terry Duffy – now is a primitive trail and you can walk on it.
- h. Louis Linkel – motions to sign letter of support
- i. Robert Brack – seconds the motion
- j. Thomas Wilson – all in favor; motion carried.

V. Weekly Highway Engineer Report, George Hartman **tape 2**

- a. Bridge #100 / Johnson Fork
 - i. Cincinnati bell holding up a little bit, just giving them time to get their work done
 - ii. Ben Harrison will set concrete block in (by tomorrow)
 - iii. He wants paving done before guardrail
 - iv. Pavement surface done by end of this week
 - v. Speed limit on Johnson fork for 40 miles per hour
 - 1. Louis Linkel motions to approve
 - 2. Thomas Wilson seconds the motion
 - 3. Robert Brack – all in favor
 - vi. Grant information – see attached sent to Julie Berry

1. Robert Brack – trying to link that into the farmers needing to get grain. Can we do \$100,000.00 match?
2. Louis Linkel – yes
- vii. Bridge #60 / Riley Pike
 1. see attached photo
- viii. Bridge #46 / Silver Creek
 1. see attached photo
 2. Thomas Wilson – you have a 12 foot wide bridge which is dangerous that we are spending tons of money on it to clean the debris out. It is *time* to close the bridge.
 3. load limit is 16 tons
 4. John Graf – water goes over it
 5. wing wall on North abutment is scaring
 6. Robert Brack – county built this in the 50's
 7. this is the only way the county has to serve this area without going around 220
 8. see attached invitation to submit bid proposal
 9. Thomas Wilson – do we still have permission from the property owner
 10. that is temporary
- ix. Bridge #17 / Laurel
 1. Robert Brack – motion to get some quotes to take debris out-see attached
 2. Thomas Wilson – seconds the motion
 3. Robert Brack – all in favor
- x. Wolf creek
 1. see attached photos
 2. talked about French drain
 3. feels water is getting underneath
 4. see diagram for an option
 5. Thomas Wilson – requests signs be put up
- xi. Bridge #100 / Johnson Fork
 1. John Graf – we have to resurvey it once it is in and make changes to plan to what has been done. It entails changing about 4/5 sheets. The core permit has expired for the second time and have to reapply for it-just wanted you to know there will be some cost in that.
 2. George – removal of temporary structure can be included in the federal dollars.
 3. John Graf – looking at between 5-8 thousand dollars.
 4. Robert Brack – that is going to be the most costly bridge in the county
 5. John Graf – takes about four months once everything is approved and once the plans are done. Realistically looking at six months from now.

VI. Payroll

- a. Thomas Wilson – motion to approve payroll once Rick signs it
- b. Robert Brack seconds the motion
- c. Louis Linkel – all in favor
- d. Thomas Wilson – don't understand how you can get double holidays

VII. Letter of Response to Tom Ritz for request of information dated 03/20/06

- a. Larry Franzman-sent tom a letter back certified and he brought another one in today. Public access states we have to make available documents to someone but do not have to copy documents for them. Wanted you to know how it was being handled

VIII. Minutes – March 17 (special meeting) & 20, 2006

- a. Louis Linkel motions to approve
- b. Robert Brack seconds the motion
- c. Thomas Wilson – all in favor

IX. Metamora Regional Sewer District Project – Award Bid

- a. Dennis Anness – turn over to Joe Tierney and he will go over bids. After he is finished I will tell you our recommendation.
- b. Joe Gillespie – (see letter) reviews contracts. We end up with about \$282,000.00 extra, which is a good thing because there are some alternates we want to talk about. All in all the total project came in under and all bidders are well known.
- c. Dennis Anness – will have a part time operator on a contract basis. They will have to have 24 hour phone capabilities.
- d. Robert Brack – when the streets are cut, they will be replaced how
- e. Joe Gillespie – explains process and it will be put back to county standards if county road and state if a state road. We don't want all of the roads torn up. They make relatively small holes, patch it and come back and patch it again. **Flip tape**
- f. Dennis Anness – our recommendation is to follow recommendation grw to accept the low bidders and to not bid the screen and accept the alternate
- g. Thomas Wilson – always felt this should have went to laurel. The good that would have done.
- h. Dennis Anness – it was about another \$600,000.00 to go to Laurel
- i. Thomas Wilson – understands that, but you would not have to have maintenance and a new building
- j. Joe Gillespie – the problem is the low number of people who would have to pay the bills not and the number are high now.
- k. Dennis Anness – the other problem is what size pipes do you put in?
- l. Joe Gillespie – the system does have room to grow if growth did occur
- m. Louis Linkel – are the people going to be able to pay these

- n. Dennis Anness – most of them will. According to the feds, they can do it and the ones that need help can apply to the program.
- o. Thomas Wilson – what if Metamora fails and no one is there who is going to make up the difference, the residents?
- p. Dennis Anness – don’t know, every year there is someone is lining up to take the shops. The federal agencies don’t think you are going to be in the sewer business
- q. Jody Comer – as far as the grant is concerned you are the grantee of that grant. The only tie you have to Metamora is that you sponsored the grant. You as the commissioners can approve contingent upon the release of funds.
- r. Joe Gillespie – the loan is what is going to be paid back.
- s. Dennis Anness – the odds are more likely that Metamora will fail if it does not go through. The people Metamora see are the people with disposable incomes and not have there kidneys accommodated. We have got to take care of the customers
- t. Jody Comer – we have 90 easements signed and we have all that we need.
- u. Dennis Anness -we had 5 out of the whole town that we have had a problem.
- v. Henry Ferguson – Metamora needs the sewer, if we don’t it is going to go down. The ones that can’t afford it
- w. Thomas Wilson – motion to give award contingent to release of funds for low bidder as recommended
- x. Robert Brack – seconds the motion
- y. Louis Linkel – all in favor
- z. John Estridge – when will there be sewers in Metamora
- aa. Dennis Anness – hoping after canals days
- bb. Joe Gillespie – notice to hook up will come between 8to9 months. Folks will have 2-3 months. In about
- cc. Dennis Anness – 750 to 1,000.00 but once ground is broke it will be 5-6thousand dollars.
- dd. Joe Gillespie – 5 to 6thousand is what you would pay
- ee. Jody Comer – release of funds is this Friday. Next deadline can be extended is rural dev can give a closing date. In order to get funds you have to close. If we cannot get that date, then the district talked about getting a line of credit. We will be in contact with you.
- X. Appointment to Committee to Determine Common Construction Wage for Franklin County Community School Corp.
 - a. Robert Brack motions to appoint Louis Linkel
 - b. Thomas Wilson seconds the motion
 - c. Louis Linkel – all in favor
- XI. Objections to the environmental portion of the proposed sewer project in Metamora (Letter from Betty Riddle to IDEM)
 - a. Robert Brack – we are a little late.
 - b. Thomas Wilson – should have objected to all of the meetings.
- XII. EMS Week
 - a. Carol Monroe-Claudine Rader wanted me to ask for EMS to have the lawn on May 21st for Kids Fun and Safety Day. She will be bringing in a proclamation
 - b. Commissioner’s reply that will be ok.
- XIII. Adjourn
 - a. Louis Linkel – motions to adjourn
 - b. Robert Brack – seconds the motion
 - c. Thomas Wilson – all in favor

Those also present:

Susan Jones, Secretary	Terry Summey	Joe Gillespie, County Surveyor	Don Lohrey
Kenneth Rosenberger	Ralph Lohrey	Jessica Bunyard, News Examiner	Terry Summey
Rob Stoner	Virgil Nobbe	Sam Schuck, Town of Brookville	Dale Nobbe
Tim Lohrey, Town of Brookville	Ken Litteken	Pat Litteken	Rob Hofer
Bud Precht	Robert Hughes	Yvonne Wells	Eric Roberts
John Estridge	Dale Harvey	Don Harvey	Gerald Bruns
Harold A Wollyung	Ronnie Harvey	Cathy Stockhoff, Deputy Auditor	Joe Tierney
Larry Franzman, Area Plan Director	Dennis Anness	Jody Comer, SIRPC	Jean Owens

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